

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that the claims 1, 7, 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over the patent to Tsujii.

On the other hand claims 13-17 are allowed and claims 18-19 and 6 would be allowable if amended as suggested by the Examiner. Also, claim 1 would be allowed if amended as suggested by the Examiner.

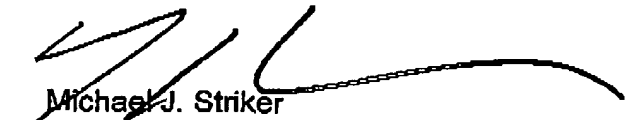
With the present Amendment applicants have amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner in the Office Action.

It is believed that all claims now should be in allowable condition.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



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